

THRUSHES

Hermit Thrush
American Robin

CHICKADEES AND TITS

Black-capped Chickadee
Boreal Chickadee

NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch

CREEPERS

Brown Creeper

SHRIKES

Northern Shrike

CROWS AND JAYS

Gray Jay
Blue Jay

American Crow
Common Raven

STARLINGS

European Starling

WOOD WARBLERS

Yellow-rumped Warbler

SPARROWS & JUNCOS

American Tree Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Lapland Longspur
Snow Bunting

CARDINALS & ALLIES

Northern Cardinal

BLACKBIRDS & GRACKLES

Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird

FINCHES, SISKINS, CROSSBILLS

Pine Grosbeak
Purple Finch
Common Redpoll
Hoary Redpoll
Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch
Evening Grosbeak

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow

UNUSUAL BIRD SIGHTING:

by Anne Bergstrom

Species observed; RINGED TURTLE-DOVE *Streptopelia risoria*
 Observers: Anne Bergstrom and Camille Gallant, Charlottetown
 Date: Observed on October 25, 2003, 11 am ADT, for about 10-15 minutes, and on October 26, 2003, at 9 am AST for about 5 minutes.
 Optical equipment: Bushnell Natureview 10x30; Telstar 7x35
 Weather: Sunny, about 10 degrees C.
 Location: Souris West near Sheep Pond at "Lobster Point Beach House"
 Habitat: Spruce trees, wild roses, some open ground, at Lobster Point across from Souris; dirt road, fine gravel driveway. Bird seen on the driveway both times.
 Distance: About 10-14 m, observed from several different windows in house.
 Description: The bird was seen pecking at grit on the driveway, both times in company with Mourning Doves. It was noticeably and considerably larger and fatter than the Mourning Doves. It was also much lighter in colour, a pale grayish-brown, and had no spots. The black collar at the back of the neck was very clear. Wing tips darker than other feathers, dark bill, couldn't distinguish eye colour. Windows closed so could not hear vocalizations.
 Experience: 10-15 years as backyard birder, some field trips, enjoy identifying birds from vocalizations. Come from a family of dedicated ornithologists. Father was a bird bander, imported mist nets from Japan and sold them. Mother still travels widely for birding, very expert. Brother PhD in ornithology, works for US Fish & Wildlife. I am trying to catch up to them.
 Comments: I tried to get a photo the second day, and made the mistake of going outside and trying to sneak up quietly around the house. All the birds flew off. Later in the day, a group of Mourning Doves appeared, without the other dove. When I return to this location I will keep a lookout and take a photo from indoors if the bird appears.